

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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OMORI, Akihiro et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1777
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Application No.: 10/582,339)	Examiner: Dirk R. BASS
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Filed: June 9, 2006)	
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For: Porous Formed Article and Method)	Confirmation No.: 4988
for Production Thereof)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

**REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND SUBMISSION
ACCOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

This is a reply to the Final Office Action mailed August 26, 2011, which also constitutes a Submission to Accompany a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed concurrently with this reply. A request for a three-month extension of time and appropriate fee also are filed concurrently with this reply.